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SUBJECT:FRENCH CONCERN OVER U.S. PHOSPHATES AND FERTILIZERS

REFS: (A) PARIS 21828, (B) EC BRUSSELS 7548

1. FRENCH EMBASSY COMMERCIAL ATTACHE TORDJMAN
CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL
TRADE POLICY GEIMER AUGUST 3 TO DELIVER NOTE ON PHOSPHATE
ISSUE. TEXT OF NOTE WAS IDENTICAL TO TEXT TRANSMITTED
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2. TORDJMAN STATED HE REALIZED NOTE LACKED SPECIFICITY AND THAT HE HAD ALREADY CABLED PARIS FOR MORE DETAILS. GEIMER SAID DEPARTMENT WOULD AWAIT RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL INFO BEFORE REPLYING TO NOTE.

3. TORDJMAN ALSO MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) EC WAS ALSO MAKING DEMARCHE ON ISSUE, WHICH HAD EVOKED INTEREST AT POLITICAL LEVEL IN FRANCE; (B) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WAS SAID TO BE LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF UNFAIR COMPETITION IN THIS CASE; (C) PRICE OF U.S. PHOSPHATE IS SO HIGH, AND PRICE OF U.S. FERTILIZER SO LOW, THAT FRENCH FERTILIZER PROCESSORS ARE BEING SQUEEZED OUT OF BUSINESS; AND (D) NO COMPLAINTS OF DUMPING HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION.

4. TORDJMAN AGREED TO REPORT BACK TO GEIMER AS SOON AS FURTHER INFO RECEIVED FROM PARIS. IN MEANTIME, HE INTENDED TO TRANSMIT COPIES OF FRENCH NOTE TO OTHER U.S. AGENCIES. HABIB

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